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RESIDENTS AT HOUSING COMPLEX GET FREE BOOKS

HONOLULU – Hundreds of residents from the state-run Puuwai Momi housing complex turned out Sunday for the free book fair at the Makalapa Community Center. The fair, put together by private businesses with assistance from state housing officials, offered residents a variety of free books, ranging from adult novels to children's story literature.

"We're glad residents were able to take advantage of this opportunity to get free books," said Stephanie Aveiro, executive director of the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawai'i (HCDCH). "We're also grateful to the agencies who graciously donated a total of a 1,000 books for this book fair."

Some of the businesses who donated the books were law firms Case Bigelow and Lombardi; Ashford and Wriston and Hisaka Stone Goto Yoshida Cosgrove and Ching. Accounting firm Ernst & Young as well as Jarrett Middle School; Linapuni School; Stevenson Intermediate School; Kuhio School; Dole Middle School; First Insurance Co; HMSA; Matt Levi Security; and Hawaiian Humane Society also provided books.

The Makalapa Community Center is next to the Puuwai Momi complex. Puuwai Momi is located in Aiea, near the stadium. It is a 260-unit, federally-assisted housing complex managed by the HCDCH.

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